

# Mahasu Pahari

**Mahasu Pahari** (Takri: 𑖦𑖳𑖪𑖱𑖱𑖴) is a Western Pahari (Himachali, Takri: 𑖦𑖳𑖪𑖱𑖱𑖴) language spoken in Himachal Pradesh. It is also known as Mahasui or Mahasuvi. The speaking population is about 1,000,000 (2001). It is more commonly spoken in the Himachal Pradesh, Shimla (Simla) and Solan districts. It is to be known that Shimla and Solan were parts of the old Mahasu district. Himachal Pradesh State on 1 September, 1972 reorganised the districts dissolving Mahasu district. The Solan district was carved out of Solan and Arki tehsils of the then Mahasu district and tehsils of Kandaghat and Nalagarh of the then Shimla District.

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## Area

According to different locations, the language has developed several dialects. Lower Mahasu Pahari (Baghati, Baghliani, Kiunthali), Upper Mahasu Pahari (Rampuri, Rohruri, Naweri, Shimla Siraji, Sodochi). The Kiunthali variety appears to be understood by others, and their attitude toward it is favorable. Rampuri is also called Kochi; Rohruri is also called Soracholi and Sodochi spoken in Kotgarh. Intelligibility among dialects is above 85%. Lexical similarity is 74%–82% with upper dialects, and 74%–95% with lower dialects. The language is used in home and for religious purposes. It is understood and spoken from people of vital age group. The educated are more proficient in Hindi and English. It is considered to be highly endangered as the number of people speaking it is constantly going down. It is closely related to Sirmauri and to Jaunsari.

## Script

The native script of the language is a variety of Takri Script. There are some written records of the language in Takri script but nowadays Devanagari script is usually used.

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<span></span> <div>Mahasui written in Takri</div>	
Native to	India
Region	Himachal Pradesh
Ethnicity	Mahasu
<div>Native speakers</div>	1 million (2002) <sup>[1]</sup> Census results conflate some speakers with Hindi. <sup>[2]</sup>
<div>Language family</div>	<div>Indo-European <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li> Indo-Iranian<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Indo-Aryan<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>North-Western<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Western Pahari (Himachali)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Mahasu Pahari</b></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></div>
<div>Writing system</div>	Takri
Language codes	
<span>ISO 639-3</span>	bfz
<span>Glottolog</span>	maha1287 <span> </span> (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/maha1287) <sup>[3]</sup>

Specimen in Mahasu Pahari  
(Kiunthali) language

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